

Notes from the NKL meeting, 2019-12-06. 09:00 – 14:00

Participants:

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Jennie Olofsson, University of Ljubljana
Igor Pribač, University of Ljubljana
Jiwon Shim, Chung Ang University
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Renata Šribar, independent researcher
Anna Lydia Svalastog, Østfold University

Chairperson:

Anna Lydia Svalastog

Secretary:

Jennie Olofsson

The new members from Slovenia are welcomed. Anna Lydia opens the meeting.

1. *Accepting the agenda for this meeting.*

The meeting decides to: accept the agenda for this meeting.

2. *Accepting minutes from the 8th NKL meeting in Zagreb.* Anna Lydia goes through the minutes from last year's meeting in Zagreb.

Jennie Olofsson and Anne Leonora Blaakilde, Roskilde University reviewed the COST application in 2018.

Anna Lydia informs about PANELFIT (panelfit.eu) and their work with GDPR.

The importance of having junior researchers as part of the network is mentioned.

In the minutes from the meeting in Zagreb, we also discussed the MSCA training network for PhD students. Anna Lydia suggests that we should discuss this opportunity again.

What happened to the COST application? It turned out somewhat difficult to gather people. Lucia, Anna Lydia and Srečko gathered in Fredrikstad last year to work on the COST Action application.

There will be no NKL event in Germany in 2020. Alternative suggestions are Fredrikstad, Bilbao and Brussels. The NKL event will be held in Östersund in 2021. Barbara Prainsack is interested in hosting the NKL event in 2022.

The events in Mali Losinj and in Graz in 2019 are mentioned.

Anna Lydia mentions two organizations with which the NKL network group has established official collaboration: DiPEX international (healthtalk.uk) in Tenerife in 2016, and E-SRA in Östersund, 2018. Jennie tried to contact the chairperson for the E-SRA before the NKL conference in Ljubljana, but did not receive any answer.

Two upcoming publications are mentioned: The anthology *Health, technology and society series* (Palgrave Macmillan) and the *Croatian Medical Journal*. The anthology will be out in 2020.

The meeting decides to: accept the minutes from last year.

3. *Information regarding status on ongoing activities.*

3a *COST Action application 2019.* Information regarding whether the last COST Action Application is accepted will be announced in March, 2020. The next deadline for applying is expected to be in April, 2020. Lucia and Srečko mention that it is worth trying again, if the COST Action Application is not accepted in March. Here, the facilitating role of the steering committee is emphasized.

3b *The NKL anthology in the Health, Technology and Society series, Palgrave MacMillan.* Information about this upcoming publication. Full manuscript is expected within a couple of months.

3c *The Information, Communication and Society (ICS) Special Issue.* The review process is done by the journal. The articles have started to become accepted. Andrew Webster, University of York, is the coordinator of both of these works. Anna Lydia mentions that the texts that have been accepted and submitted in full length will comprise part of other issues if there is no room in this special issue.

Srečko informs that *The Croatian Medical Journal* currently publishes six papers per year. He mentions the opportunity to publish in this journal, especially the PhD students. Anna Lydia suggests that we approach PhD students and their supervisors regarding this opportunity. She also suggests that Srečko and Jennie send an invitation letter to the PhD students of the NKL network as a strategy for the network to recruit young scholars.

The meeting decides to: allocate to Srečko and Jennie to send an invitation letter to the PhD students of the NKL network.

3d *Earlier NKL network member meetings discussed the development of NKL research projects. Are there any such initiatives in progress?* No one is currently active in this.

4. *Topic to discuss*

4a *Evaluate the PhD event and plan for the next year's event. Guidelines for next year. More instructions given in advance.* Maruša mentions that the initiative to give PhD students from FDV credits also spurred them to partake. More strict instructions are mentioned (750 words of abstract submitted prior to the PhD training) as well as a more detailed plan. One alternative is to distribute a reading list (3, 4 texts) that the PhD students are required to read prior to the event. Their engagement would thus concern presentation, preparation and participation (2 or 3 credit points could be given for this). How to make this into a PhD course? All local universities will have to accept this. Srečko suggests that there needs to be a more obvious integration between the PhD training and the conference. We are discussing how to structure next year's event.

Anna Lydia suggest that we do a round-table.

The meeting decides to: continue to develop guidelines for how to structure upcoming PhD trainings. We would want for the PhD students to be given credits for attending the PhD training. The local university or host has to make a diploma confirming that the PhD students have attended. We also discuss the importance of stricter programs and more

precise exercises. The PhD presentation on the conference should not exceed 30 minutes. The discussion will continue online.

4b *The annual NKL events.* Anna Lydia suggests that we should include a workshop with collaborative partners, either as a fourth day, or a fourth event in parallel with the PhD training event. These collaborative partners could be SMEs and patient organizations. Suggestions of locations for next year's NKL event are Fredrikstad, Bilbao and Brussels. The event will be held the last week of October, 2020. We also discuss the GDPR as a potential topic for the next event.

Anna Lydia suggests that next year's meeting is held either in Fredrikstad or in Brussels and that she and Inigo deMiguel will decide on this jointly.

The meeting decides to: set up a trial event during next year's NKL event. The discussion will continue online.

The International training network (MSCA) for PhD students is also mentioned. Inigo is interested in coordinating an application for this call. He can meet in Brussels during the spring of 2020. Is anyone interested in engaging in this?

The meeting decides to: ask Inigo deMiguel to organize this in the spring, and to send out an open invitation to the members of the NKL network.

4c *Topics for forthcoming NKL network member meetings.*

We briefly discuss potential topics for the forthcoming NKL network member meetings. The GDPR is mentioned. Also, data, Artificial Intelligence and ethics are mentioned as these terms emerged during yesterday's conference.

4d *Identifying potential research collaboration and projects*

We have a common discussion regarding our individual possibilities to gather the resources of the NKL network, to circulate ideas among the members, and also, our possibilities to coordinate projects or to join as a participant.

Anna Lydia suggests that when we start to think about, and develop research projects, it is important that whomever wants to be part of the discussion clarifies, and thinks about his/her potentialities to coordinate, participate and engage in the application/project. The participants agree.

We discuss how to use the network for informing about upcoming calls, details about calls, etc.

We discuss future calls from the EC. Anna Lydia suggests that she will discuss our possibilities to work on research applications with Inigo deMiguel.

We have a joint discussion on the possibilities to develop new projects for the EC. Igor suggests that we should start with gathering ideas from the group, through e-mails etc. Renata has a suggestion for a potential research project.

5. *Upcoming activities*

5a *Next COST Action Application submission deadline April 2020.*

The meeting decides to: resubmit a revised version of the proposal for the COST Action Application *if* the proposal that is currently submitted is not accepted.

The meeting decides to: ask Igor Pribač and Olga Markič to read and comment on the COST Action Application *if* it is not funded this year. They both agree to do so.

5b *The 2020 4th NKL International Conference*

We discuss the time and place as well as when to distribute the call for abstracts
When will the call for the next year's conference be published on the web page? It is suggested that this happens in January or February, 2020. Deadline is before the summer of 2020. The event is to be held in October or end of October, 2020.

Anna Lydia suggests that, instead of the formulation "NKL international conference" use the "NKL annual conference", and instead of the formulation "network meeting", use the term "member meeting". Srečko suggests that we stick to the term "network meeting". With regards to the latter, it is suggested that we should ask Andrew Webster.

The meeting decides to: a) use the formulation "NKL annual conference" instead of "NKL international conference" b) with regards to the use of "member" instead of "network", ask Andrew Webster whether it makes any difference in the English language.

6. *Steering committee*

The meeting decides to: add the following members to the NKL steering committee:

Joachim Allgaier
Barbara Prainsack
Jennie Olofsson
Franc Mali

Srečko ultimately mentions the possibilities of organizing NKL sessions in Mali Losinj and Rieka (both in Croatia) the year of 2020. If any of the participants would want to organize a NKL session in one of these conferences or some other conferences, s/he is welcome to do so.